

Longfellow Summer Festival 2004

July 3, Saturday



Cambridge Discovery Walks with the Historic Cambridge Collaborative

Explore the City of Cambridge on 20 different walking tours. Programs include:

9 – 10 am *A Tyranny of its Own: Tories and their Slaves* investigates the lives of 18th century Tories, their families, slaves and descendents. Led by Paul Blandford, National Park Service ranger.

10 - 11 am *Home-keeping Hearts Are Happiest* focuses on the Longfellow family's six Brattle Street homes, with family stories and Longfellow poetry. Led by Nancy Jones, National Park Service ranger.

FREE walking tours leave from the Front Gate of Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge. Visit <http://www.cambridgema.gov/~Historic/walks.html> for complete listing.

July 4, Sunday

4:00 p.m.

Brass Connection

Celebrate America's Independence Day with a concert of 19th century period music and rousing patriotic pieces, including the marches of John Philip Sousa — all music familiar to Longfellow and his children. Performance by Daryl Robbins, trumpet; Richard Given, trumpet; Hilary Ledebuhr, French horn; Chip Halt, tuba; and Chris Baird, trombone. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge.

July 11, Sunday

4:00 p.m.

Emily

Composer Eva Kendrick and cast present a one-act chamber opera based on the life of Amherst poet Emily Dickinson. Performance blends opera, classical forms, and the lyrical simplicity of traditional American folk music with original lyrics and Dickinson's poetry. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge.

July 18, Sunday

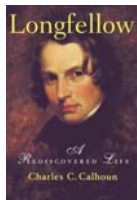
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Three Distinguished Poets

Dick Allen, reading from *The Day Before: New Poems* and *Ode to the Cold War: Poems New and Selected*; **X.J. Kennedy**, reading from *The Lords of Misrule: Poems 1992-2001*; **Maxine Kumin**, Pulitzer Prize winning poet, reading from *The Long Marriage: Poems* and *Bringing Together: Uncollected Early Poems, 1958-1988*. Book signing. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge.

July 25, Sunday

4:00 p.m.



Book Publication Party!

Longfellow: A Rediscovered Life by Charles C. Calhoun. The first biography of the poet in 40 years "gives life, at last, to the most popular American poet who ever lived, a nineteenth-century cultural institution of extraordinary influence." Celebrate with a talk by the author interwoven with a musical performance by Peter H. Bloom and Mary Jane Rupert of "2" – talented flute and harp duo – presenting *Longfellow's Musical World* with works of 19th century Romantic composers such as Rossini, Kuhlau, and Carl Maria von Weber. Book signing. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge.

August 1, Sunday

4:00 p.m.

Sharon Olds

National Book Critics Circle Award winning poet reads from her works, including *The Father* and *Strike Sparks: Selected Poems, 1980 – 2002* (November 2004). Sharon Olds will receive the Golden Rose Award from the New England Poetry Club. Book signing. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge.

September 19,

Sunday

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Teddy Bear Picnic – Family Day Celebrating Horace's 100th Birthday

Horace, the Longfellow family teddy bear, turns 100 this year! Brother Blue, Cambridge and Boston's official storyteller/street poet, joins the party to weave his tales and stories for the delight of children of all ages. Bring your favorite teddy bear to meet Horace and Longfellow's great granddaughters. Enjoy poetry and painting in the garden, special house tours, and 19th century games. Meets on East Lawn, Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge. Picnic baskets and blankets encouraged.